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"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is prepared to consider the complaint of the Ravolutionary Government of Cuba solely in those appects which are pertinent and as long as it is phrased in accordance with diplomatic norms.

"The terms of the note which Chancellor Res Sent to our Ambassador in Oubs on November 26 are unacceptable and, in companience, Ambassador Bosques has received instructions to return it.

"Incidentally and for the information of public opinion, the Ministry points out that Señora Duran is a Mexican national and hereprotection—in the event that she should have needed it or should need it—is guaranteed by Mexican law."

"By virtue of this same nationality, the fact that Señora Duran is employed by the Cuban consulate neither confers upon her distantic immunities or privileges, nor removes her from the jurisdiction of the competent Maxican authorities."

The exchange was one of the most acrid on record between the two Governments since Castro came to power, and there has also been a sharp reaction among public groups in Mexico. Under the headline "All Sectors Applaud The Decision," the newspaper <u>Ultimas Moticias</u>, for example, quoted a number of spokesmen as strongly backing the Mexican position and declaring irately that the "bosses of the firing squad" had nothing to teach Mexicans about individual guarantees. Mevertheless, it is not believed that either Government will consider it in its best interest at this time—barring, of course, further developments of a similar nature—to press this issue to a point where relations would be seriously damaged or a break in relations would be considered likely.

For the Ambassador:

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